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Expenditure on the Fruit Preserving Institute.

* 1928 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount spent for Fruit Preserving Institute;

(b) what was done with the machinery and buildings; and

(c) if they were sold, whether the whole machinery and building were sold together or separately and for how much?

A.—(a) The capital invested in the institute as on 31st March 1926 was Rs. 1,58,339–14–10.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the audit report of the institute for the year ending 31st March 1927 and for eight months till 30th November 1927 recorded in G.O. No. 534, Development, dated 26th March 1928, which has been placed on the table of the House. As will be seen from the statements attached to that report certain items of machinery, stock and other utensils have been disposed of by sale, certain items have been transferred to the Agricultural department, certain items have been taken over to other branches of the Industries department, such as the Sericultural branch, etc.

As regards land and buildings, the bungalow attached to the institute and a portion of the land have been reserved for sericultural work and the remaining land and buildings have been reserved for the conduct of certain experiments in nutritional research.

Leather factories in the Presidency.

* 1929 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government possess information regarding the number of factories in the Presidency where leather is prepared; and

(b) the total quantity of leather prepared in each?

A.—(a) There are three factories in this Presidency preparing finished leather and between 400 and 600 tanneries employed in tanning leather for export.

(b) The information is not available.

Rao Sahib L. C. Guruswami:—"The answer to (a) says that there are three factories in this Presidency preparing finished leather. May I know the names of these three factories?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"May I know if the Government is helping these factories by giving advice regarding tanning?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"No, Sir. I cannot say."

Training of weavers in Government institutes.

* 1930 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of men that have been trained as weavers till now in Government institutes; and

(b) the number of those that are being trained at present?

A.—(*a*) Two hundred and ten students have received training in weaving in the Textile Institute and during the last ten years twelve have had training in carpet weaving in the School of Arts and Crafts.

(*b*) Forty-nine in the Textile Institute and two in the School of Arts and Crafts in carpet weaving.

Veterinary

Attacks by rinderpest in the Presidency.

* 1931 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of districts affected by rinderpest in January this year;

(*b*) how many cattle were attacked by rinderpest last year and how many died; and

(*c*) how many were inoculated by serum alone method and how many by serum simultaneous method?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-three.

(*b*) & (*c*) A statement giving the information for the last calendar year is appended.[a] The serum simultaneous method was resorted to on a more extensive scale only during the latter part of the year.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know, Sir, why the serum alone method was persisted in when it was known that it was of no use?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It was only after the last grant that the serum simultaneous method has been used on a large scale. Before that serum alone method only was used."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know whether the Government have seen the recommendations of the Royal Agricultural Commission wherein it is said that the serum alone method is not good? If so, what action are they going to take on that recommendation?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"The Government are already taking action on those recommendations, Sir."

Excise

Progress made towards prohibition in the Presidency.

* 1932 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Health Officers (District and Municipal) have been instructed to lecture on the advantages of (1) total abstinence, (2) moderate drinking;

(*b*) what other scheme of total abstinence and temperance campaign Government have already sanctioned and have in view;

(*c*) in what districts or taluks or parts of taluks total prohibition has been introduced and in regard to what kind of drinks;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 1042 infra.